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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the 36 documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Office Action in the above-referenced patent application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence the consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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